

PROCLAMATION **MUSIC WEEK** MAY 1-8, 2005

WHEREAS, music is a vital part of our lives, and music study, performance and appreciation is important to our social, cultural, historical and educational development; and

WHEREAS, the National Federation of Music Clubs is working to create an understanding and appreciation for the value of music in the home, the school, the community and the world; and

WHEREAS, the pursuit of music, whether it be through study, composing, listening, performing or participation, enriches our lives; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Music Helps Freedom Ring Around the World," recognizes music as the universal language, influencing nations, groups and individuals; and

WHEREAS, religious, educational and civic groups throughout the state are joining together to promote the benefits of music education and performing arts, fostering young musical talent and creating a dynamic musical and cultural environment in our communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 1-8, 2005, **MUSIC WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State